

Gauge Conversion of Baripada-Bangiripose Rail Line

1919. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a long outstanding demand of the people of tribal-dominated backward district of Mayurbanj for conversion of the 45 Kilometre stretch of narrow gauge line from Baripada to Bangiripose into broad gauge; and

(b) if so, what is holding up its execution and the time frame within which this project would be completed and opened to traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Baripada-Bangiriposi conversion is a part of Rupsa-Bangiriposi gauge conversion project. On this project, gauge conversion of Rupsa-Baripada has already been completed as first phase. The work on Baripada-Bangiriposi has now been taken up and expected to be completed in about 2 years period depending upon availability of resources.

Linkage between mineral rich town and commercial Hubs

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chairman of Barbil Municipality and other in Orissa have demanded rail linkage between this mineral-rich town and commercial hubs in the State and also for extension of Tata Nagar-Danapur and other trains up to Barbil, to help the people of Orissa, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the status of the proposal; and

(c) the time-frame within which this proposal would be considered and the action taken to help the people of these States?